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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18 from application Serial No. 09/272,998 and claims 1-43 from application Serial No. 09/925,072 and add the following new claims 1-5:

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1. A computerized method for loading components in an operating system comprising:
 - verifying a source for each component before the component is loaded;
 - establishing a trust level for each component before the component is loaded;
 - loading each component if the source of the component is trusted and the trust level of the component satisfies trust criteria; and
 - generating a trusted identity for the operating system when specific components have been loaded.
2. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein the trust criteria are based on a digital signature associated with the component.
3. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein the trust criteria are based on the source of the component.
4. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein the trust level is different for different versions of a component.
5. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein the elements are performed in the order recited.

REMARKS

The pending claims are copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,327,652 B1, issued December 4, 2001 to England et al. in order to provoke an interference.

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